

ASFA UPDATES, THE AQUATIC SCIENCE COLLECTION, AND THE ALL-NEW PROQUEST PLATFORM

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- 1 Publishing partner (ProQuest) which also contributes content from leading journals in the field.

The partner list includes five new collaborating centers this year (see complete list at <http://www.fao.org/fi/asfa/partners.asp>). ASFA also funds a variety of important initiatives, including an Initiative to support the digitization of grey literature and advice as to what should be digitized (proposal put forward by IAMSLIC).

New in 2010 is the **ProQuest Aquatic Science Collection**, which includes:

- ASFA (1.6 million records).
- Aquatic Science deep indexing of tables, figures, images (1.5 million objects).
- Over 300 full-text journals in the aquatic sciences.

And rolling out now (with a full release date in early 2011) is the all-new ProQuest platform, combining all of the content from CSA Illumina, the ProQuest platform, and the Chadwick Healy databases all accessible on one easy-to-use interface. The new interface provides a single search box for novice users as well as multiple advanced search options for the more advanced user. Users will be able to create their own *MyResearch* accounts (accessible at multiple points in the platform) to save and organize documents and searches into folders, create lists to share with other users, set their own user preferences, and more.

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